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White House Guidelines for Presidential Candidates: Immediately after the Republican and Democratic conventions are over — and before actual campaigning gets underway — President Eisenhower plans to invite the presidential and vice presidential candidates of both major parties to the White House for thorough briefings on international problems.

Mr. Eisenhower hopes to go well beyond the pattern set during the 1956 campaign. Then Democratic candidate Adlai Stevenson was regularly furnished with Central Intelligence Agency and National Security Council estimates of changing situations. Besides making available position estimates and top-secret reports, the President now plans to invite the office seekers to regular White House conferences, where written reports will be amplified with oral explanations from experts in all areas of foreign affairs.

The President does not intend, according to White House sources, to impose any restraints

on the candidates' use of classified information — beyond asking them to exercise good judgment and prudence. The probable GOP candidate, Richard M. Nixon, is, of course, already privy to CIA, NSC, and other confidential information. But because he will be absent from the Capital for long stretches during the campaign, the President wants to be sure Mr. Nixon will get regular refreshers. Each of the major Democratic aspirants, who have already been approached by the White House with this briefing offer, has indicated his appreciation and willingness to cooperate with Mr. Eisenhower.

New Life in the Spy Business: Intelligence activities of the U.S. and our allies, dealt a severe body blow by the U-2 spy plane episode, are due for a major revision. Since all the signs now indicate that Soviet Russia intends to step up its harassment policies, Central Intelligence Agency Director Allen W. Dulles is moving swiftly to correct embarrassing mistakes and fill existing gaps in U.S. intelligence activities.

In his current talks with secret service chiefs of Western European and Middle East nations, Dulles is plugging for three major objectives: (1) Faster and more efficient interchange and evaluation of intelligence data by all allied nations, (2) an early resumption of aerial photography of key military installations within Soviet Russia and her satellites, and (3) setting up some form of UN clearinghouse to evaluate and disseminate primarily military intelligence.

To help win over hesitant nations, who fear Russian threats of retaliation, the CIA director is demonstrating remarkable test photographs recently made by radar photography. One set of aerial pictures, for example, taken from a point about 100 miles north of Boston, reveals minute details of the naval base at Norfolk, Va. — nearly 500 miles away. *So accurate are photographic details that tennis balls on the courts of the Norfolk officers' club are easily distinguishable.* Mr. Dulles is arguing that the same high quality photographs can be taken from points outside Russia without violating Soviet airspace — or endangering the nations — in which planes will be based.

Cheating by Short Weights: A nationwide sampling of more than 100,000 food packages, recently completed by the Food and Drug Administration, indicates that American consumers are being short weighted nearly every time they purchase certain kinds of prepackaged groceries at their corner markets.